

and Results Act. Testimony was heard from Susan Kladiva, Acting Associate Director, Energy Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Alan Ladwig, Associate Administrator, Policy and Plans, NASA; Diana H. Josephson, Deputy Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Joe Bordogna, Acting Deputy Director, NSF; and Marc Chupka, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and International Affairs, Department of Energy.

## SBA REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2261, Small Business Assistance Programs Reauthorization Amendments Acts of 1997.

## AMTRAK REFORM AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2247, Amtrak Reform and Privatization Act of 1997.

## Joint Meetings

### BUDGET RECONCILIATION

*Conferees,* on Tuesday, July 29, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2015, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to subsections (b)(1) and (c) of section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998.

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFORM

*Conferees,* continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the Department of State and related agencies, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,* to hold hearings to examine how trade opportunities and international agricultural research can stimulate economic growth in Africa, thereby enhancing African food security and increasing U.S. exports, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* business meeting, to mark up S. 1026, authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* to hold hearings on S. 268, to regulate flights over national parks, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* to hold oversight hearings to examine the organizational structure, staffing, and budget of the Forest Service for the Alaska region, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to mark up S. 53, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball, and H.R. 1086, to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to review annual refugee admissions, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration,* business meeting, to consider the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

### Notice

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1563 in today's Record.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* to continue markup of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to markup H.R. 1270, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* hearing on "Literacy: A Review of Current Federal Programs", 10:00 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on "Agency Mistakes in Federal Retirement: Who Pays the Price?", 9:00 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on "FDA Oversight: Blood Safety and the Implications of Pool Sizes in the Manufacture of Plasma Derivatives", 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to consider a motion to request a report by the Immigration and Naturalization Service on a private bill, time to be announced, Rayburn Room, Capitol.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Royalty-In-Kind for Federal oil and gas production, 2:00 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans hearing on H.R. 1787, the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997; and to markup the following bills: H.R. 512, New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act of 1997; H.R. 1856, Volunteers for Wildlife Act of 1997; and H.R. 2233, Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1997, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Forest Service Strategic Plan under the Government Performance and Results Act, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to markup the following bills: S. 430, to amend the Act of June 20, 1910, to protect the permanent trust funds of the State of New Mexico from erosion due to inflation and modify the basis on which distributions are made from those funds; H.R. 1567, to provide for the designation of additional wilderness lands in the eastern United States; H.R. 136, to amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to designate the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness and to amend the Everglades National Park Protection and Expansion Act of 1989 to designate the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center; and

H.R. 708 to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study concerning grazing use of certain lands within and adjacent to Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and to extend temporarily certain grazing privileges, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the Conference Report on H.R. 2014, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, 9:30 a.m., H-323 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on S. 417, to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and the Conservation Act through September 30, 2002, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Relations between the U.S. and France, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.